

## ALLIED SHIPS DEFEAT FLEET OF AUSTRIANS SINK 2 BOATS

Emperor Franz Josef's Squadron  
Flees After Lika Blown Up  
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PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Aus-  
trian destroyer Lika was blown up  
by a mine and the destroyer Trig-  
lav sunk in a naval action with an  
allied squadron in the Adriatic off  
Durazzo, the ministry of marine  
announced today.

"An Austrian squadron left Cat-  
taro to bombard Durazzo and en-  
countered an allied squadron,  
which gave battle," said the offi-  
cial communique. "The Austrian  
destroyer Lika was blown up by a  
mine and the destroyer Triglav  
was sunk. The other enemy ships  
fled."

### NEWEST OF DESTROYERS.

The destroyer Triglav was built in  
1912, displaced 787 tons, and was 266 feet  
long. She was one of the newest of the  
Austrian destroyers, had a speed of 32.5  
knots, and carried a crew of about  
120 men.

The Lika, like the Triglav, is one of  
the new destroyers put into service by  
Austria shortly before the beginning  
of the war.

Presumably Italian and French war-  
ships participated in the naval battle.  
French war craft have been patrolling  
the Adriatic since the outbreak of the  
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throne, with the consent of the central  
powers.

Several Austrian officers have joined  
Prince William's forces, advancing on  
Scutari. This evidently gave rise to re-  
ports that the Austrian army was at-  
tacking the Albanian metropolis.

Queen Helena today sent a message of  
congratulation to her father, King  
Nicholas of Montenegro, on the suc-  
cesses of the Montenegrin army. Ad-  
vice to the Montenegrin legation today  
said Montenegrin troops continue to  
hold back the Austrian wings while  
smashing back the invaders' centers  
toward the Lim river.

## CZAR PLANS SMASH AGAINST GALICIA

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Concentration of  
large bodies of Russian troops in south-  
eastern Galicia and on the Bukovina  
frontier is reported in dispatches re-  
ceived here today. The situation is be-  
ing watched closely by the military au-  
thorities. It is believed possible the  
czar may be planning a smash against  
the Galician lines held by General von  
Linsingen, as well as an invasion of  
Bukovina.

Russian artillery and infantry attacks  
against the Austrian positions before  
Cernowitz are increasing in violence,  
and there are evidences that the Slavs  
are being reinforced. For five days the  
Austrians have maintained their posi-  
tions under heavy onslaughts, inflicting  
heavy losses on the enemy.

## Why England Wants Conscription

Recruiting Officer Gives Dem-  
onstration on Strand—Fif-  
teen Slackers Approached in  
Succession—"We're Not  
Getting Enough Fighting  
Men," He Says.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Why the volun-  
tary system of obtaining men for the  
British army has failed and conscrip-  
tion has been declared necessary, was  
explained today by an officer for four-  
teen months in charge of London's  
"cream" of recruiting stations.

"Just come out and I'll give you a  
practical demonstration," he said, and  
he stepped into the Strand from the re-  
cruiting hut that stands just east of  
Charing Cross.

It was at the hour when the metro-  
politan populace was homeward bound.  
Thousands of men from stores and  
shops were hurrying home. The re-  
cruiting officer stepped into the crowd  
and touched the arm of a stock clerk,  
not over twenty-four, with a polite  
"Why don't you join the army?"

"I'm married and my job would be  
pinched if I did," was the reply. The  
prospective recruit disappeared quickly.  
The next two men approached, ad-  
mirable specimens of manhood, swore  
they were in the government service  
in the India office. The fourth was a  
farmer boy with his "girl" on his arm.  
He was so startled at the recruiting of-  
ficer's request that he dashed away into  
the crowd.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth  
men accented claimed physical un-  
fitness. The ninth said his wife was  
sick. The tenth claimed to be over  
forty, the maximum age for recruits,  
though he didn't look it.

Another Develops Limp.  
The eleventh was a letter sorter at  
the postoffice who pleaded that he  
couldn't leave the government in the  
lurch. The twelfth crossed his heart  
that he was lame and limped away.

Though he was not seen to limp, the  
officer approached. The thirteenth was  
too old and the fourteenth said he  
was a policeman in citizen's  
clothes.

The fifteenth man approached, six  
solid feet of cockney, sneered at the  
recruiting officer. "You're askin' me  
to enlist, I've think twelve shillin's  
and sixpence a week for separation  
allowance is enough for my wife!  
No! None of this army for me!"

Getting the Drags.  
"There's the answer," said the re-  
cruiting officer. "They simply won't  
go. That's why we're going to have  
conscription."

"The worst of it is that the majority  
of the recruits we're getting today  
are the drags. The middle class re-  
fuses to do it, the drags will go, and  
until they are shoved. Many of the  
men we're getting are loafers who for  
three months a day and seven shillin's  
a week. We're not getting enough  
fighting men."

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## GASOLINE RISE IS NOT DUE TO ANY SHORTAGE

U. S. Geological Survey Points  
to Increased Stock As "Fair-  
ly Conclusive Rebuttal."

DRILLING ACTIVITY RENEWED  
Better Crude Oil Market Starts  
Work, Which Forecasts  
Larger Output.

There is no excuse, from the stand-  
point of production, for the rapidly in-  
creasing gasoline prices, according to  
an official statement issued today by  
the United States Geological Survey.

In a bulletin indicating a heavy in-  
crease in production over last year,  
which was a record year, the survey  
says:

"The increase in stocks is in itself  
a fairly conclusive rebuttal of any  
price-boasting plea of a present short-  
age. Furthermore the better market  
for crude oil which characterized the  
closing months of the year has already  
somewhat stimulated drilling activities,  
which may contribute to next year's  
production."

Today's bulletin does not give the  
production figures for this year, but  
does state the reserve crude oil con-  
dition, it says:

"These statistics are of special in-  
terest to the gasoline-consuming public  
in that they indicate a slight increase  
over the output of crude oil of 1914,  
which itself was a record breaker."  
Continuing, the bulletin says:

"The present year began with a sur-  
plus of petroleum in field storage, so  
that production of crude oil was not  
pushed. Under these conditions the  
small increase in marketed production  
was significant, although it amounted  
to less than 2,000,000 barrels. Of the  
about 8 per cent increase in field stor-  
age, and added to this are the stocks  
held in storage by the pipeline com-  
panies, a reserve estimated by the Geo-  
logical Survey as 50,000,000 barrels  
greater than a year ago."

"The oil is not unlimited in the  
United States, but the decline in the  
country's output of crude oil has not  
yet set in."

## Mondell Urges Laws To Save Oil Lands of Western Operators

Legislation to prevent hundreds of  
Wyoming and California oil operators  
from being ousted from their lands,  
which have been withdrawn by the  
Government, was urged today before  
the House Public Lands Committee by  
Congressman Mondell of Wyoming.

Chairman Ferris of the Lands Com-  
mittee, stated today that the coal, oil  
and gas land leasing bill would be  
framed purely as a conservation mea-  
sure, introduced at the request of the  
Secretary of the Interior, and would  
provide for the Wyoming and Califor-  
nia oil operators. He added that an  
amendment might be presented later  
for the relief of these operators.

It was learned today that Senator  
Phelan of California has sent a letter  
to Attorney General Gregory protesting  
against the proposed ouster of the oil  
operators in his State who would be  
affected by the proposed bill.

The Interstate Commerce Commission  
will hold a hearing on January 11 to  
investigate the recent accidents result-  
ing from explosions of gasoline with a  
view to changing the regulations for  
shipment of gasoline and petroleum  
products.

An announcement today that the com-  
missioner of the State of Oklahoma  
in Ardmore, Okla., who would be  
the killing of thirty-nine persons, injury to  
a large number of others and a prop-  
erty loss of \$1,000,000 was the result  
of the hearing. The commission will  
investigate the transportation of all  
inflammable articles and acids.

## ATTORNEY ASKS CUT IN TELEPHONE RATES

John T. Twohey Would Reduce  
to \$2 Cost of Two-Party  
Business Line.

Request that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company be required  
to reduce the cost of a two-party busi-  
ness line telephone to \$2 a month for a  
maximum of thirty calls, was received  
by the Public Utilities Commission to-  
day from John T. Twohey, an attorney.

The present cost is \$2.50 a month.  
The new schedule of rates effective  
April 1 increases the maximum number  
of calls to forty but the monthly cost  
is not changed.

Mr. Twohey asserts that the pa-  
trons of the two-party business line  
telephone rarely use the maximum  
number of calls. He suggests that the  
maximum number remain the  
same and that the monthly cost be  
made \$2. This would give the tele-  
phone company a minimum return of  
6.23 cents instead of 6.14 cents, on a  
forty call basis.

The suggestion, it was stated, will  
be considered by the commission in  
connection with the final determina-  
tion of the rate question, which is  
dependent upon the valuation of the  
company's properties.

## SANITARIUM IN CHEVY CHASE LOSES LICENSE

Commissioners Order Revoca-  
tion on Ground That Institu-  
tion Is "Nuisance."

RESIDENTS FILED PROTESTS  
Action Is Contrary to Opinion of  
Assistant Corporation Coun-  
sel Stephens.

On motion of Commissioner Brownlow,  
the Commissioners today ordered the  
revocation of the license of the Chevy  
Chase Sanatorium at Thirty-second and  
Tennyson street on the ground that it  
is a "nuisance to the neighborhood."

The sanatorium is given until Febru-  
ary 1 for the location of its patients  
at some other place.

The action of the Commissioners is  
contrary to the opinion of Francis H.  
Stephens, assistant corporation counsel,  
that the board would not be justified  
in revoking the license.

Following a number of complaints  
against the institution, filed by resi-  
dents of Chevy Chase and Pinehurst,  
the Commissioners appointed Mr.  
Stephens to take testimony at a series  
of hearings which began March 16,  
and report to them.

Reviewed by Syme.  
In Mr. Stephens' findings, which were  
submitted to the board last month, he  
said it was his opinion that the testi-  
mony did not show that the sanatorium  
was a nuisance either in law or in fact,  
and that the board would not be just-  
ified in revoking its license. Preview of  
the testimony was made by Conrad H.  
Syme, Corporation Counsel, who con-  
firmed Mr. Stephens' report.

The Commissioners say that, having  
carefully considered the testimony, they  
have "unanimously" arrived at the con-  
clusion that the Chevy Chase Sanatori-  
um, now being conducted under a  
license issued by said Commissioners is  
a nuisance to the neighborhood, where-  
fore it is ordered that its license be  
revoked.

Twenty-three sessions were held be-  
fore Mr. Stephens in the board room  
of the District of Columbia. Between  
forty and fifty witnesses were exam-  
ined. The principal charge was that  
patients were allowed to wander  
without restraints, beyond the bound-  
aries of the institution. Complaint  
was made also of noises and other  
features which, it was asserted,  
tended to make the institution a nu-  
isance to the neighborhood.

No Dangerous Patients.  
A number of former patients and vi-  
sitors and attendants testified that there  
were no dangerous patients at the sani-  
torium, and that the noise was no  
greater than that to be expected in a  
properly conducted institution.

Dr. B. R. Logie, superintendent of  
the sanatorium, was represented by the  
firm of O'Connell, Deane, & Macfar-  
land. The attorneys for the complain-  
ants were Clyde D. Garrett, Walter C.  
Briggs, Jr., and Edward F. Coladay,  
and the firm of Douglas,  
Ruffin & Osborn.

## TODD SAYS BUCHANAN WILL BE ARRESTED

Denied That He Is Immune  
Because a Congressman.  
Precedent Found.

Congressman Buchanan of Illinois will  
be arrested late this afternoon for his  
connection with Labor's Peace Coun-  
cil, which is accused of fomenting  
strikes among munition plant employes,  
according to a statement made by As-  
sistant Attorney General Todd at the  
Department of Justice today.

Mr. Buchanan's contention that he is  
immune from arrest because he is a  
Congressman, will not be countenanced,  
according to Department of Justice of-  
ficials. They deny he enjoys any im-  
munity and will proceed against him as  
if he were not a Congressman.

J. Maurice Spain, United States  
marshal here, who will serve the  
bench warrant on Mr. Buchanan said:  
"If the warrant is given to me it  
will certainly be served. I do not be-  
lieve Mr. Buchanan is immune from  
arrest, but whether or not I believe  
it, I have no option in the matter. A  
marshal is expected to serve the pa-  
pers given him."

The warrant for Congressman Buch-  
anan, together with those for former  
Congressman Robert Fowler, Henry B.  
Martin, and Herman Schultheis, reached  
the Department of Justice from New  
York early today.

## Wilson Will Extend Honeymoon Three Days

President Wilson. It became known to-  
day that he is planning to extend his hon-  
eymoon trip to Hot Springs until next Wed-  
nesday. Absence of alarming news regard-  
ing the negotiations between Austria  
and the United States for the Ancona  
collece was the reason, it is believed, he  
planned to return Monday.

## 'PEACE BY FORCE' PLEA STARTS PACIFISTS INTO SESSION OF WRANGLING



MRS. ALBERT SIDNEY BURLERSON,  
Wife of the Postmaster General, who presided at the sessions of the  
woman's conference of the Pan-American Congress today.

## FAIRBANKS ENTERS PRESIDENTIAL RACE TO "RAID" SESSION

Former Vice President Put For-  
ward By Republican Party  
of Indiana at "Love Feast."

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—Charles  
Warren Fairbanks was put into the  
Presidential race today by the Republi-  
can party of Indiana, meeting here in  
its quadrennial lovefeast, an event pre-  
ceding each national convention.

Fairbanks' name was put forward by  
Edward F. Morrow, of Kentucky, who  
pledged Kentucky's support from the  
drum of the hat to the finish.

Among the speakers was W. E.  
Humphreys, of Washington. All at-  
tendance records for the lovefeast were  
broken, the crowd including many from  
the fold of the Bull Moose.

A constructive policy for world trade  
was urged by Fairbanks, when he spoke  
after a five-minute ovation. He declared  
preparation against industrial insecu-  
rity was as necessary as national mili-  
tary preparedness. He advocated the  
establishment of banking and commer-  
cial houses all over the world.

Indiana's favorite son was vigorous in  
his denunciation of Democratic plans  
to levy direct war taxes in the shape of  
a tax on pig iron, bank checks, gaso-  
line, and automobiles. He sounded a  
warning against letting the European  
war engender racial hatred in this coun-  
try.

## FUTURE AMERICANS MAY BE TOOTHLESS

Evidence that, Americans are likely  
to become a toothless race was pre-  
sented before the International Congress  
of Americanists in a paper by Dr. Robert  
Hannet Bean, of Tulane University,  
this morning.

Dr. Bean has conducted an extensive  
study of the teeth of children of vari-  
ous nationalities, with the result that  
he has found teeth of American com-  
position in life than those of French, Ger-  
man, Indian, or Filipino children, and  
that the number is fewer.

Dr. Flory Earle Goddard, of the Ameri-  
can Museum of Natural History, was  
the presiding officer this morning.  
Among those who read papers were Dr.  
Bruno Dethlefsen, Clark Wissler, E. W.  
Hawkes, Warren K. Moorehead, David  
L. Bushnell, Jr., W. E. Myer, George  
Grant MacCurdy, Prof. Charles Pen-  
body, George H. Pepper and Amos W.  
Butler.

## Dr. Held, Poet, Dead.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Dr.  
Ernest Held, poet, philosopher and mu-  
sician, is dead at his home here at the  
age of ninety-two. He was instructor  
to former President Cleveland in the  
latter's boyhood days.

## DR. TALCOTT WILLIAMS DROPS BOMB AT SESSION

Pan-American Delegates Are  
Stirred By Educator's Plea  
For National Defense.

## SUFFRAGISTS ARE BLOCKED

Women's Conference to Consid-  
er No Resolution Until  
Passed By Board.

Advocates of the doctrine of  
peaceful adjustment of interna-  
tional disputes broke out in a warlike  
wrangle among themselves today  
when the members of the Ameri-  
can Society for Judicial Settle-  
ment of International Disputes  
met at the Shoreham Hotel.

The clash occurred over the  
question of national defense.  
Early in the meeting Dr. Talcott  
Williams, head of the School of  
Journalism of Columbia Univer-  
sity, New York, read an address,  
the keynote utterance of which  
was that the United States should  
join with other nations in a league  
to insure world-wide peace by  
force of arms, and that, to that  
end, this country should devote it-  
self to a proper military prepared-  
ness.

## "PEACE BY FORCE."

"Peace," declared Dr. Williams, "can  
only be secured by force. If the United  
States continues to sit in the world's  
councils unarmed, it cannot also sit  
there without fear."

The sentiment evidently did not jibe  
with what others present regarded as  
the proper ideal of an organization  
dedicated to the protection of world  
peace by judicial settlement.

There were many who sought to dis-  
turb the doctor's statement, and the  
discussion that followed was lively and  
and, at times, not altogether judi-  
cial. In contradiction of Dr. Williams,  
Mrs. A. S. Burleson, wife of the Post-  
master General, declared that the  
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## American Intervention.

According to Dr. Williams, President  
Wilson, had been backed by mili-  
tary and naval force entitled to re-  
spect, might well have intervened to  
prevent the European war by declaring  
that it had vital interests at stake, and  
insisting upon a resort to arbitration.

Henry C. Niles, of Pennsylvania, who  
served a mid-way course in the discus-  
sion, belittled the effectiveness of sepa-  
rate peace treaties such as the so-  
called "Brvnan treaties."

"Many nations," he held, "must be  
welded together in an alliance to en-  
force peace and bring fruitful nations  
into a world court, and enforce peace  
by weight of their combined military  
establishments."

Elsewhere throughout the city, the  
other sections and subsections of the  
Pan-American Congress and of the in-  
dependent organizations meeting here,  
held sessions largely attended. But at  
one of the sessions, at least, a look-  
ing for sensation did not develop. No one,  
in short, threw a woman-suffrage  
bombshell into the meeting of the  
woman's association of the conference. It  
was announced from the platform that  
no resolutions were to be introduced in any  
section of the congress that had not  
previously been submitted to and passed  
upon by the executive committee of the  
congress. Nothing was said about suf-  
frage, of course, but the meaning was  
clear.

At the meeting of the American Stipa-  
tical Association the discouraging in-  
formation was developed by Prof. In-  
golf Fisher of Yale that the death rate  
among Presidents and Vice Presidents  
is increasing, and that had hygiene  
and official responsibilities are re-  
sponsible for the fact that Congressmen  
serving a long term do not  
live as long as they used to.

At the session of the section on edu-  
cation, a jolt was given to the com-  
placent teaching of educators who  
would create in the child a false  
patriotism by belittling other countries  
in comparison with his own. This  
blow at false pride was delivered by  
Senora Ernestina A. Lopez de Nelson,  
of Argentina.

## CUTTER UNABLE TO FIND THESSALONIKA

Greek Liner, With 300 Passen-  
gers Aboard, Believed To Be  
Caught in Another Storm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Greek  
liner Thessalonika, with 300 passengers  
aboard, was still missing early today  
and the coast guard cutter Seneca,  
cruising in a V-shaped radius off Sandy  
Hook, was attempting to get into com-  
munication with the crippled liner. The  
Seneca was unable to find the Thessa-  
lonika early today, she reported in a  
wireless message to New York.

The Thessalonika's wireless power  
was so weak, the message said, as to  
render her messages indecipherable.  
The last decipherable message said the  
Thessalonika was 200 miles off Sandy  
Hook, her engine rooms flooded and  
Seneca was unable to find her. Since  
then the Thessalonika is believed to  
have encountered another storm, her  
third on the voyage from the Piraeus,  
Greece, to New York.